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The variety of Grape here figured, may have received some other appellation than the one now given, which does not occur in any catalogue, though the vine has been long cultivated in some of our gardens; and it is highly probable that its conspicuous appearance, and good qualities, must have procured it the attention of the cultivator. For specimens of the fruit, Mr. HOOKER is indebted to J. R. WHEELER, Esq. of *Gloucester Place, New Road*; who received the plant from GEORGE JENNER, Esq. of *Chiselhurst*, about seven years ago. The wood is rather slender, of a yellowish brown, striated with a deeper colour, but not red, like the wood of most coloured Grapes; the distance between the joints very short. Leaves seldom more than 6 inches in length, and about $\frac{1}{3}$ th less in breadth; deeply divided into five nearly equal, roundish, lobes; the lower one long in mature leaves; serratures rather broad, but not deep; the under surface rough, with small dots; nerves pubescent; petioles shorter than the leaves, pale green. Buds full, mostly triple. Fruit in rather loose long bunches, very large, with a few small berries interspersed; of an irregular oval form. Skin rather thick, of a dusky reddish purple colour, covered with a fine meal. Flesh somewhat firm, extremely rich, though containing a considerable portion of acid.